



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN—GROUP INCLUDES A NUMBER OF NORWICH GIRLS

### NORWICH TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM WILL ASK FOR NEEDED ADDITIONS.

Sanatorium Rooms for Extremely Sick, Water Tower and Sprinkler System Are Quite Essential to the Institution.

The appropriation granted by the last legislature being limited to maintenance only, no construction work, aside from a few improvements has been done during the past year at the



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Sanatorium. The permanent hazzam and concrete pavement on Franklin street and on North Main street are a much needed improvement, as is the macadam pavement on Lincoln avenue. The street commissioner is experimenting with tarvia on the paving block on Union square to see whether it will be advisable to treat Lower Broadway and part of Shetucket street in this manner, rather than to expend the greater amount appropriated for an asphalt pavement. The results so far are promising.

Perhaps the greatest improvement made by the city in many years will be the widening of Thames street. The plans call for a roadway 27 feet at least between curbs from Thames square to the southerly end of High street, and a sidewalk six feet wide most of the way on each side. The appropriation of \$45,000 made by a special city meeting has been supplemented by a promised contribution from the Shore Line Electric Railway company of \$5,000 and the co-operation of the State Highway department in contributing one-third of the expense of the pavement. Part of the property required for the widening has already been deeded to the city, options are held on most of the other property, and there are but five or six which will need to be taken by condemnation proceedings. Work has already been commenced in excavating for the widening, and during the winter it is planned to remove the ledge where necessary, set back the houses, demolish those which are to come down, and get in the retaining walls. It is the earnest hope of the administration that this whole work can be completed so that the walks and pavement may be laid during the spring and summer of 1917.

Substantial progress has been made toward repairing and renewing the defective sidewalks in the business section of the city. The walks on Main street from Ferry street to the Breed building, with one or two possible exceptions, have now been put into first-class condition, many new granolithic walks having been laid under the order of the court of common council and with the commendable co-operation of the abutting property owners. Material progress along the same line has been made on Shetucket street, also Lower Broadway, Union street, Broadway hill, and Upper Broadway. Some new walks have also been laid on North Main street and many on Main street, east of Preston bridge. The improvement is perhaps the most satisfying to the general public of any which has been made, and it is the plan of the administration to continue this work on other streets as soon as the weather permits.

Through the enforcement of the traffic ordinance a material improvement has been made in traffic conditions. By the placing of several silent policemen, of signs calling attention to the ordinance, of standards showing a safety zone on Franklin square, and other signs designating parking places, conditions have been much improved.

Obstructions maintained by private individuals contrary to the ordinance have been removed from the sidewalks in the business section of the city, particularly from the vicinity of Franklin square, where fruit stands, etc. encroached upon the sidewalks materially. Posts in the curbing supporting signs on the business streets have also been removed, and overhanging signs, with the exception of those illuminated signs which are of such a nature that the benefit seems to outweigh the detriment of the encroachment on the public streets, either have been or will be removed in the near future under the ordinance.

The present legislature will be asked to provide for some needed additions. Among these are isolation rooms for extremely sick and for emergency purposes. The number of rooms, two for males and two for females, is woefully inadequate; so much as the privacy needed in spiritual consolation as in medical treatments frequently has to be dispensed and these ministrations given in the open wards.

To protect to a greater degree against fire, a water tower sprinkler system are quite essential. Glass fronts or enclosures for the infirmaries are needed. To protect the infirmaries from southeast storms make them habitable at all times. A sleeping porch for the staff, on the rear of the administration building would be a vital aid in maintaining the good of those employed.

WIDENING OF THAMES STREET  
BIG IMPROVEMENT FOR CITY.

Fathers Hope Work Can Be Completed So That Walks and Pavement May Be Laid This Coming Spring and Summer.

Mayor Allyn L. Brown and the other members of the city administration took office in June last much has been accomplished in the way of improvements for the benefit of Norwich. The principal matters which the administration has taken up since assuming office last June, those which are perhaps a departure from the usual routine are embraced in the following:

The printing of the Council Journal, which for the past few years has been costing the city something over \$1,000 a year, was let out to the highest competitive bidder, with the result that apparently something over \$1,000 has been saved for the year.

The forty-four telephones paid for by the city, instead of being listed under individual names as heretofore, have all now been listed under the name of the city and the official title of the person to whom service is furnished. By substituting party for line service practically \$150 has been saved to the city, at any loss of efficiency.

Some of the automobiles owned by the city and used by the departments of the city government have been labeled with the name of the respective department to which each belongs. The new equipment purchased by the public works department, the most important is the scarifier, which is practically a plow which can be used in tearing up worn-out macadam, being drawn by the steam roller. After such a street has been lowered in this manner, new crushed stone added as needed and then re-rolled and finished with tarvia, a permanent has been effected. This method has been followed during

the past season on West Main street, Laurel Hill avenue and Central avenue, with most satisfactory results.

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### PAST YEAR HAS BEEN PROSPEROUS ONE FOR THE TOWN.

Highways and Bridges About the Town Are in Good Condition—New Bridge Replaces Old and Weakened Structure Across the Yantic at the Foot of Sherman Street.

Due to the careful administration of the affairs of the Town of Norwich by the board of selectmen during the past year the town debt was decreased \$9,131.23. This was the figure at the end of the fiscal year. That this amount is smaller than in some previous years is principally due to the fact that a number of taxes which had been abated in previous years had to be charged off. At the present time the town has a cash balance of over \$10,000, which is a gain of over \$7,000, as the balance at the commencement of the year was but \$3,243.39.

Had it not been necessary to pay several bills carried over from previous years, including one of nearly \$1,800, this balance would have been larger. During the year the Board paid a two years' coal bill for the Almshouse. It has been customary to buy in the summer, and have the bills come in after the fiscal year. This past year the board paid the coal bill for last winter and also for this winter. The coal bill amounts to something over \$500, so that the Town is that much ahead for the year coming. This year the state tax is about a thousand dollars greater than last year which fact must also be taken into consideration when one glances over the Town's expense account. At the last city meeting the Board asked and was granted a tax of five mills to cover the Town's estimated expenses. This was one-fourth of a mill less than was asked and granted last year. This five mill tax includes the state tax, the sinking fund, the payment to the city on account of the highways, these three items together amounting to a sum equal to about three and two-sevenths mills.



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First Selectman

Considerable attention has been paid the various highways about the town and they are in good condition at the present time. In the way of repairs quite a little work has been necessary on the town bridges. A new bridge has just been completed at the foot of Sherman street in the Falls to replace the older

of the two bridges across the Yantic at that point. The condition of the old structure was such that it was impractical to even attempt repairs.

Superintendent J. B. Chapman and his assistant have given excellent care to the inmates at the almshouse. The general health and conduct of the inmates has been very good. As the board receives many calls during the year for firewood to be furnished those receiving help through the outside poor account a number of loads of cord wood were delivered at the Almshouse, where it was cut and split by those of the inmates who are able to perform manual labor. From the Almshouse it was delivered to those who were in need of it. The cost to the town was thus decreased and needed occupation was given a number of the inmates. The work was willingly done by those called upon for service and their assistance in that particular matter, as well as about the farm and the farm buildings, is much appreciated by the board.

The erection of a tool house for the storage of the Town's tools and apparatus and repairs to the stable meant an expenditure of about \$250. Another improvement at the Almshouse has been the remodeling of the building used for patients suffering from contagious diseases, and as has been already stated the coal bill for the coming year at the Almshouse has been already paid.

A certain amount of expense was necessarily incurred in providing quarantine guards, etc., owing to the epidemic of infantile paralysis that visited this and other nearby states. To sum up, the year has been a prosperous one for the town and the board is looking forward to even better results during 1917.

### NORWICH HOUSING COMPANY EXPECTS TO PAY DIVIDENDS THIS YEAR.

Organization Now Has Total of Forty Apartments Over Half of Which Are Occupied and the Others Will Probably Be Taken in Near Future.

The Norwich Housing company was organized in October, 1915, for the purpose of building houses to accommodate the employees of the Hopkins & Allen Arms company. A careful investigation had shown that the number of vacant apartments in our city would not accommodate any material increase in our population and the investigation also showed that there had been little or no building of tenement houses in Norwich for a period of fifteen years or more.

The company was capitalized at \$100,000 and a very earnest effort made by public-spirited men to sell the stock. The effort did not meet with very gratifying success. The Hopkins & Allen Arms company subscribed for \$40,000 and the housing company was able to dispose of \$18,100 of the stock among the citizens of Norwich.

Work was purchased in different sections of the city and early in 1916, the work of erecting twenty houses of two apartments each was begun. Finished houses were delivered to the company in July, August and September, and the contracts was completed October 1, 1916. The company now has forty apartments, of which twenty-eight are occupied and it is hoped and believed that the remaining twelve will be occupied early in the year 1917. The directors of the company were confident that the investment would pay a return of five per cent. on the money invested and have had no reason to alter their opinions. It was not thought possible to pay a dividend the first year of the company's existence, as no revenue was received until the latter part of the year. During the coming year, there is no reason, apparent at this time, why dividends should not be paid and no reason for believing that they will not be paid in future years. The apartments now vacant, twelve in number, are located on Spring Garden avenue, in a section of the city that is developing rapidly at this time and that will require additional housing facilities in the near future.

The present directors of the company are: Walter F. Lester, president; Daniel T. Shea, vice-president; Shepard B. Palmer, treasurer; Edwin W. Higgins and George S. Watts, J. J. Corkery is secretary of the company.

### Y. M. C. A. NEEDS LARGER AND MORE ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED BUILDING.

Hope of Directors That Ways and Means Will Be Found Whereby Norwich May Have Thoroughly Up-to-Date Structure For Association Work.

The various departments of the Norwich Young Men's Christian association work have been carried on in a very gratifying manner during the past year. Under the efficient leadership of General Secretary Edwin Hill, the several committees have successfully performed the duties assigned to them. As a result of a special membership campaign held during the year, our membership shows the very gratifying total of 950 members. The association ideal, "The development of the body, mind, and spirit," has been kept constantly in sight, and many a lad has been helped, cheered and encouraged as opportunities have offered during the past twelve months.

The need of a larger and more adequately equipped building is very apparent, and it is the hope of the directors of the association, that before another year has passed, ways and means will have been found whereby Norwich may have a thoroughly up-to-date association building. Those to whom the management of the work has been committed fully realize their responsibility to the men and boys of Norwich, and they are looking forward to the coming year, anticipating that 1917 will be the most successful of any of the thirty-one years since the association was organized.

We have been most fortunate in having the loyal and hearty support of the women of the Auxiliary and much of our success has been due to them. I desire to publicly express my appreciation of the assistance rendered by the many, and to bespeak a continuance of the same.

JAMES L. CASE, President.

### NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS HANDLED AT THE NORWICH POST OFFICE.

Postal Savings Department Showed an Increase of Over 40 Per Cent. During the Year—Largest Increase in Work at Local Office is Shown in Parcels Post Department—Repairs and Improvements Completed and Contemplated.

An increase in five per cent. in the revenue from postal receipts during the year will place the Norwich post-office in the next higher grade, whereby it will be entitled to considerations, which it has not received in the past. The money order business shows a larger increase as compared with previous years. There were 28,707 domestic orders issued, amounting to \$228,649.26 on which fees were paid to the amount of \$1,775.75. International orders issued numbered 945, totaling \$12,676.35 with fees of \$163.60 making a total of 29,652 orders issued for \$241,316.62 with fees of \$1,939.35. For orders issued at other offices there was paid out \$163,595.35, the money order department also handled \$231,618.73 deposited here by thirty-eight offices in this section, making a total to be accounted for of over three-quarters of a million dollars.

In the registry department there were received and delivered 32,178 registered pieces, 7,500 insured and 1,994 C. O. D. packages were dispatched during the year.

Postal Savings Increase Was 40 Per Cent. The postal savings department shows an increase during the year of over 40 per cent. The number of open accounts are 1,261, a gain of 302, with deposits of over \$100,000, a gain of \$80,000 for the year.

The pay-roll of the local office, including small incidentals, amounts to upwards of \$60,000 each year, exclusive of the rural carriers who receive over \$10,000 yearly.

There are fifteen regular and two substitute clerks, with twenty-one regular and six substitute carriers, an increase in the working force of one regular clerk and one regular carrier added during the year, and with the nine rural carriers, serve upwards of 20,000 people. The territory covered by the rural carriers extends nearly to Gardners Lake on the west, to the village of Glasco on the east, while to the north, nearly to the village of Baltic, and to Allyn on the south; the carriers covering 212.7 miles each day. Connected with the main office there are ten sub-stations, two of which were added during the past year, one branch station having one city and two rural carriers starting from same.

Big Increase in Parcels Post. The largest increase in the work of the office has been in the parcels post department, requiring two teams eight hours daily to deliver packages. Since the change in the ruling the parcels are increasing in size and weight. A notable increase is shown in packages being received for special delivery. There were received and delivered 11,260 special delivery letters and parcels. Numerous and extensive repairs and improvements to the building have been made, with new terra cotta above the entrance. The plumbing within the building has been improved, the working tables and cases in the work room have been re-located, giving the employees better light, and plans are now being drawn by the Treasury Department to re-locate the swing room for the carriers, as the one formerly used in the basement was dark and unsuitable. It is planned to have a large room exclusively for parcels post in the basement, with a separate entrance to the east driveway, making the loading of the teams much more convenient.

### NEW SACRED HEART CHURCH AT TAFTVILLE IS COMPLETED. Handsome Structure is Ornament to the Village and a Credit to the Parishioners.

A few months ago the new Sacred Heart church was completed and early this fall was dedicated. The raising of the church was started on April 15, 1915, and it is located at the corner of Merchants avenue and Hunters avenue in Taftville. It is 124 feet long and 65½ feet wide, and the average height is about 65 feet. The material used in its construction is wire cut Burlington brick with terra-cotta trim, copper cornices, slate roof and steel frame. Granite steps on the front lead up to three main entrances. The church windows are of rib glass and each is fitted with a ventilator. The interior is finished in white oak with marble, stucco and plaster, and the ceiling above the church auditorium is constructed of wooden panels.

The corner stone of the Sacred Heart church was laid on Sunday afternoon, August 5, 1900, by Rt. Rev. Michael Tierney, then bishop of Connecticut. Bishop Tierney dedicated the chapel of the church on November 25th of the same year. Rev. U. O. Bellerose the present rector of the church and at that time connected with St. Patrick's church, Norwich, delivered the first sermon, which was in French, the language of a large portion of the congregation. The erection of the chapel was made possible through the efforts of the rector, Rev. John Synnot. Father Synnot was only able to have the basement completed as the parish funds were not large enough to warrant the completion of the entire church. It remained for Rev. U. O. Bellerose, now rector, to carry on the work to completion.

The building is a handsome structure, is an ornament to the village and a credit to the church parish.